

# LME Board Formation and Composition

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# LME Board Composition

- What does the task require?
  - ❑ Ties to the community?
  - ❑ Expertise?
  - ❑ Competency?
  - ❑ Commitment?
- What does the law require?



# History — Ties to Community

- ❑ 1963 CMHCA — local mental health authority representing the community served
- ❑ 1971 — area programs governed by a board that includes clients of services and family members of clients
- ❑ 2006 —
  - Deletes requirement that 50% of board be consumers, family members of consumers, and health professionals
  - Requires each board to establish a consumer and family advisory committee (CFAC)

# History — Particular Expertise

- ❑ 1971—health professionals
- ❑ 2001—management or business expertise
- ❑ 2006—increases number of members required to have financial expertise from one to two



# Method of Appointment

In a single county area authority, the members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners

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## Multicounty Areas

1. Each board of county commissioners within the area shall appoint one commissioner as a member of the area board. These members shall appoint the other members.
2. The boards of county commissioners shall have the option to appoint the members of the area board in a manner other than as required under this section . . .

# LME Board Composition

Appointments must “take into account”

- ❑ Sufficient citizen participation
- ❑ Representation of the disability groups
- ❑ “Equitable” representation of participating counties

Equitable = fair, just, or right



# “Take into Account”

- Include
- Allow for
- Consider
- Think about



# LME Board Composition

Appointments must include

- ❑ Two individuals with financial expertise
- ❑ One w/ management or business expertise
- ❑ One representing the interests of children

# Composition

## Representation of

- ❑ physicians
- ❑ clinical MH/DD/SA professionals
- ❑ family members of consumers, and
- ❑ consumers of services

must not exceed 50% of the board

# Summary of Legally Required Members

- ❑ Two with financial expertise
- ❑ One with business/management expertise
- ❑ One representing children's interests

A member may be appointed to fill concurrently two categories of membership

# LME Board Composition

- What should our board look like?
- Who should be on it?
- What qualities, characteristics, experience, and skills are needed?



# Other Requirements

- ❑ No less than 11 and no more than 25 members
- ❑ May have up to 30 members in catchment areas of eight or more counties
- ❑ No individual who contracts with the LME to provide MH/DD/SA services

# Term Limits

- ❑ Three-year terms
  - ❑ Except upon initial formation of an area board, one-third shall be appointed for one year, one-third for two years, and the remaining for three years
- ❑ No more than two consecutive terms
  - ❑ Except members who are county commissioners or county managers